(d) the locations where these nuclear power plants are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have decided to set up a Nuclear Power Board.

(b) Chairman of the Nuclear Power Board has been appointed and the constitution of the Board is being finalised.

(c) Proposal for setting up of four units of 235 MWe each is under consideration of the Government.

(d) Decision on the locations for setting up of future nuclear power plants can be taken only after the report of the Site Selection Committee is considered by the Government.

1158. [*Transferred to the 13th August*, 1984]

1159. [*Transferred to the 6th August*, 1984]

Development of troops along the Borders with Chittagong Hill Tracks

1160. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether troops of the Border Security Force and Central Reserve Police Force had been deployed along the borders with the Chittagong hill tracts and the Khagrachari districts of Bangladesh in June this year, to supress the rebellious activities of Mizo and Naga rebels; and

(b) if so, what was the precise assessment of the rebellious activities, necessitating the deployment of these forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No CRPF troops had been deployed along the borders with Chittagong hill tracts and Khagrachari district. A few coys. of BSF are deployed in Mizoram in southern and western parts of the Bangladesh border opposite to Chittagong hill tracts and Khagrachari general area. No special deployment of BSF to suppress the rebellious activities of Mizo and Naga hostiles has been done in June this year.

(b) Does not arise.

Pay fixation of Retrenched Employees on their absorption in other organisations

1161. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 704 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd May, 1984 and state:

(a) what are the normal rules for fixation of pay in the case of those retrenched temporary Central Government employees who are later on absorbed/redeployed in other organisations; and

(b) what norms are applicable in cases of those persons who were drawing Rs. 428/- (basic) in the previous organisations but were later absorbed in the scale of Rs. 260/- to 400/- in other organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) In accordance with the provisions of the Ministry of Finance' Office Memorandum No. 6(23)-E. III/62, dated 22.6.1962, the pay of a temporary Government servent reappointed in a lower post on his retrenchment from a higher post is fixed by giving advance increments in the lower post for the completed years of service in the higher post, subject to the condition that the pay so fixed should not exceed the pay last drawn in the higher post. A retrenched temporary Government servent re-appointed in a post carrying identical scale of pay is given protection of the pay last drawn subject to fulfilment of the conditions mentioned in proviso 1(iii) to Fundamental Rule 22.

(b) In the absence of the number of years of service put in by the person concerned in the scale of pay of the post held by him prior to retrenchment and the rate of increment of the scale of pay of the post in which he is redeployed, it is not possible to give a specific answer

to this part of the question However, the case would appear to be covered by the first sentence of the reply to part (a) above.

Hearing on Punjab situation by the U.S. State Department

1162. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Asian and Pacific Sub-Committee of the United States, State Department is holding hearings on the situation in Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Governments reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Government of India have formally approched the U.S. State Department in this regard; and

(d) if so, the stand of the Government of India and U.S. State Department on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) and (b) Government are aware that the Sub-Committee on Asia and Pacific Affairs of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee proposes to hold hearings during which a number of subjects including the situation in Punjab, are likely to be discussed.

(c) and (d) Government have lodged a strong protest with the U.S. Government against any such hearing taking place on a matter which is strictly a domestic affair of India.

Infiltration of Foreigners into Poonch Rajouri sector of Jammu and Kashmir

1163. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any infiltration into the Poonch-Rajouri Sector of Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistanis of any other foreign elements from across the international border during the past six months;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any illegal arms and ammunitions have recently been recovered in the said sector of the State;

(d) if so, what is the quantity and other details thereof;

(e) whether any of such arms and ammunitions so recovered bore some foreign countries markings;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(g) what steps Government have taken to prevent any further infiltration of foreigners, arms and ammunitions from across the border there?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) According to our information, some Pakistani national infiltrated into Poonch-Rajouri Sector during the past six months.

(c) and (e) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (f) It is not in public interest to give exact details.

(g) The security agencies exercise proper vigilance in the area.

Indo-Norwegian agreement for funding projects of the Himalayan-Institute of environment and development and Wild life Institute of India

1164. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has recently been signed by Governments of India and Norway for providing funds for specific projects of the Himalayan Institute of Environment and Development and Wildlife Institute of India;

(b) if so ,what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) No, Sir. But arising out of bilateral discussions such proposals have been initiated.

(b) Does not arise.